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Private Funds Provide Increases in New Multi-Year Contract for Boise State University Head Football Coach

At its December 11th meeting the State Board of Education approved a new multi-year contract for Boise State University Head Football Coach Dan Hawkins. The Board's action is intended to extend Hawkins' tenure at BSU through January 31, 2008.

"This is an opportunity for a stable, long-term quality football program at Boise State without increasing the use of state funds," said Board Member Rod Lewis.

The contract maintains the current base salary of \$141,750 paid from state appropriated funds. All enhancements to the contract are funded through private monies provided through the Bronco Athletic Association (BAA) and media contracts.

"We have commitments from a number of our supporters that will provide the monies needed to fund the enhancements and keep Coach Hawkins at BSU", said Gene Bleymaier, BSU Athletic Director.

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The contract includes an increase of \$158,250 to the base salary that is paid by the BAA and media contracts. This privately funded increase brings the base commitment to Hawkins to \$300,000 per year.

The contract includes incentives for win/loss records, conference championships, national rankings and bowl appearances. The contract also includes incentives for completion of academic performance goals by student athletes. These goals include GPA and graduation rates. A penalty is activated if Hawkins leaves his position before 2008.

“We want to thank the boosters of the BSU program”, added Blake Hall, Board President. “Your commitment to this contract process recognizes that outside support is critical to ensure we have the resources to make our inter-collegiate athletic programs work,” he continued.

In 2002, under Hawkins guidance, the BSU football team registered an 11-1 record, a WAC Conference championship, a first-ever 15th ranking in national football polls and a spot in the Humanitarian Bowl.

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